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STORY GIVEN BIGGEST PLAY IN DAILY PRESS WAS DISCLOSURE THAT "DUTCH CONNECTION" PUSHING A DANGEROUS NEW FORM OF HEROIN HAS TAKEN OVER PARIS NARCOTICS MARKET. DR. CLAUDE OLIEVENSTEIN, HEAD OF PARIS MEDICAL CENTER FOR YOUNG ADDICTS, WIDELY QUOTED AS SAYING: "MAYBE MARKET HAS DRIED UP IN MARSEILLE, BUT IN PARIS IT WORSE THAN EVER WITH INVASION OF NEW AND MORE DANGEROUS FORM OF HEROIN WHICH YOUNG ADDICTS CALL 'BROWN SUGAR'. WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT 'BROWN SUGAR' IS EIGHTY PER CENT HEROIN. CLASSIC (HEROIN) CONTAINS AT MOST 20 PER CENT HEROIN MIXED WITH LACTOSE, AND OFTEN LESS. 'BROWN SUGAR' IS DYNAMITE. THEY CAN GET HOOKED FOR GOOD IN TEN DAYS."

2. MASS- CIRCULATION FRANCE SOIR MARCH 15 RAN HEADLINE: "I FOLLOWED DRUG CONNECTION THROUGH PARIS." MADELEINE FRANCK REPORTED SHE WENT SHOPPING FOR BOTH BROWN SUGAR AND WHITE POWER FROM MONTMARTRE TO LATIN QUARTER. SHE FOUND IT "VERY EASY" TO GET BOTH, BUT EXPENSIVE. SHE PAID 100 FRANCS FOR 0.15 GRAMS OF BROWN SUGAR CONTAINING 0.12 GRAMS OF PURE HEROIN, AND 50 FRANCS FOR 0.15 GRAMS OF HEROIN POWER CONTAINING ONLY 0.03 GRAMS OF PURE HEROIN.

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3. OTHER STORY GIVEN NOTABLE PLAY WAS SEIZURE BY FRENCH CUSTOMS OFFICERS MARCH 7 OF MORE THAN A TON OF HASHISH ABOARD ROTTERDAM-BOUND PANAMANIAN FREIGHTER WHICH PUT INTO BRITTANY PORT OF BENODET.

4. IN INTERVIEW CARRIED BY WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE LE POINT MARCH 6, COMMISSAIRE LE MOUEL, PARIS NARCOTICS BUREAU CHIEF SAID DELOUETTE CASE CONSTITUTES " A REAL SCANDAL, BUT NOT THE ONE EVERYBODY BELIEVES." DELOUETTE'S STORY, HE SAID " COULD DECEIVE ONLY IDIOTS OR ILL- DISPOSED PEOPLE. I LEAVE IT TO ATTORNEY STERN TO FIND HIS OWN DEFINITION. STERN STARTED FROM POSTULATE THAT DELOUETTE TOLD THE TRUTH, AND DELIBERATELY IGNORED EVERYTHING WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY CONTRADICTED THAT THEORY. DO YOU WANT EXAMPLES? WELL, FIRST BREACH OF STERN'S THEORY CAME IN DECEMBER 1971. WE HAD LEARNED THAT FRENCH TRAFFICKER ARRESTED IN NEW YORK HAD MADE FULL CONFESSION ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS DRUG RUNNING. AMONG FACTS HE REVEALED, SOME, FROM MANY DETAILS IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO LIST, WERE VISIBLY RELATED TO REAL DELOUETTE CASE. IN ANY CASE, IT WAS WORTH VERIFYING. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE HAPPENED? MAN WHO HAD MADE CONFESSION WAS HELD IN NEW YORK. DELOUETTE CASE WAS BEING TRIED 25 KILOMETERS AWAY. I HAD TO GO TO NEW YORK MYSELF TO GET TESTIMONY OF GUY WHOSE CONFESSION COULD REVEAL TRUTH OF CASE BEING TRIED 25 KILOMETERS AWAY' TO REACH STERN IN NEWARK, TRUTH HAD TO GO LONG WAY ROUND, VIA PARIS. DO YOU FIND THIS NORMAL? NOW TRUTH IS FULLY KNOWN. A FRENCHMAN DEPORTED FROM BRAZIL MADE CONFESSION AND PART CONCERNS DELOUETTE CASE. TRUTH IS THAT DELOUETTE GAVE FIRST- CLASS PERFORMANCE, REALLY EXTRANORDINARY. YOU KNOW AMERICAN LAW VERY LENIENT TO PEOPLE WHO COOPERATE, THAT IS, WHOSE CONFESSION PERMITS ARREST OF ORGANIZERS, ACCOMPLICES AND, LET'S SAY, BOSSES OF THEIR TRAFFIC. DELOUETTE, FOR ONE BENEFITED FROM THAT LENIENCY, ON CONTRARY, BY MANAGING TO PROTECT HIS BOSSES IN OPERATION. WHILE HE WAS DECEIVING STERN, MAN HE WAS TO DELIVER HEROIN TO, A MAN HE HAD MET DAY BEFORE, HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO GET AWAY." LE MOUEL SAID HE HAD HIS OWN IDEA ABOUT STAGING OF DELOUETTE CASE BUT PREFERRED KEEP IT TO HIMSELF. " ANYWAY, THAT BELONGS TO PAST. CLOUDS COMING FROM AMERICA HAVE NOW TOTALLY CLEARED UP. I WORK IN FULL COOPERATION WITH MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUES. I OFTEN GO TO NEW YORK . AND RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES." IRWIN

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